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Title: Need to reduce the customs duty applicable to the ship breaking industry.

SHRIMATI JAYABEN B. THAKKAR (VADODARA): Sir, the ship breaking industry is contributing significantly in terms of providing raw material for re-rolling to produce steel, mainly used for construction purposes. Ship breaking industry is presently passing through a difficult financial phase, mainly due to stiff international competition, higher rates for purchase of ships for breaking, and low price of steel scrap. The industry needs all the support from the Government for its revival.

In view of the above, I urge the Central Government to reduce the custom duty on old ships.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Ram Kripal Yadav − not present.

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